

REMARKS

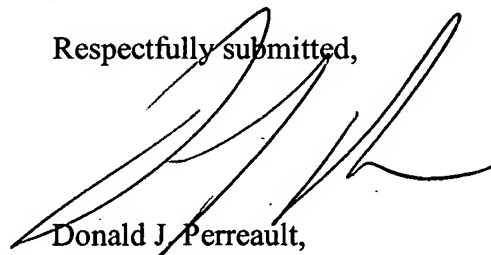
In the Official Action of October 17, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-16;
- II. Claims 17-31;
- III. Claims 32-38;
- IV. Claims 39-44;
- V. Claims 45-51; and
- VI. Claims 52-55,56

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1-16,

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully submitted,



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